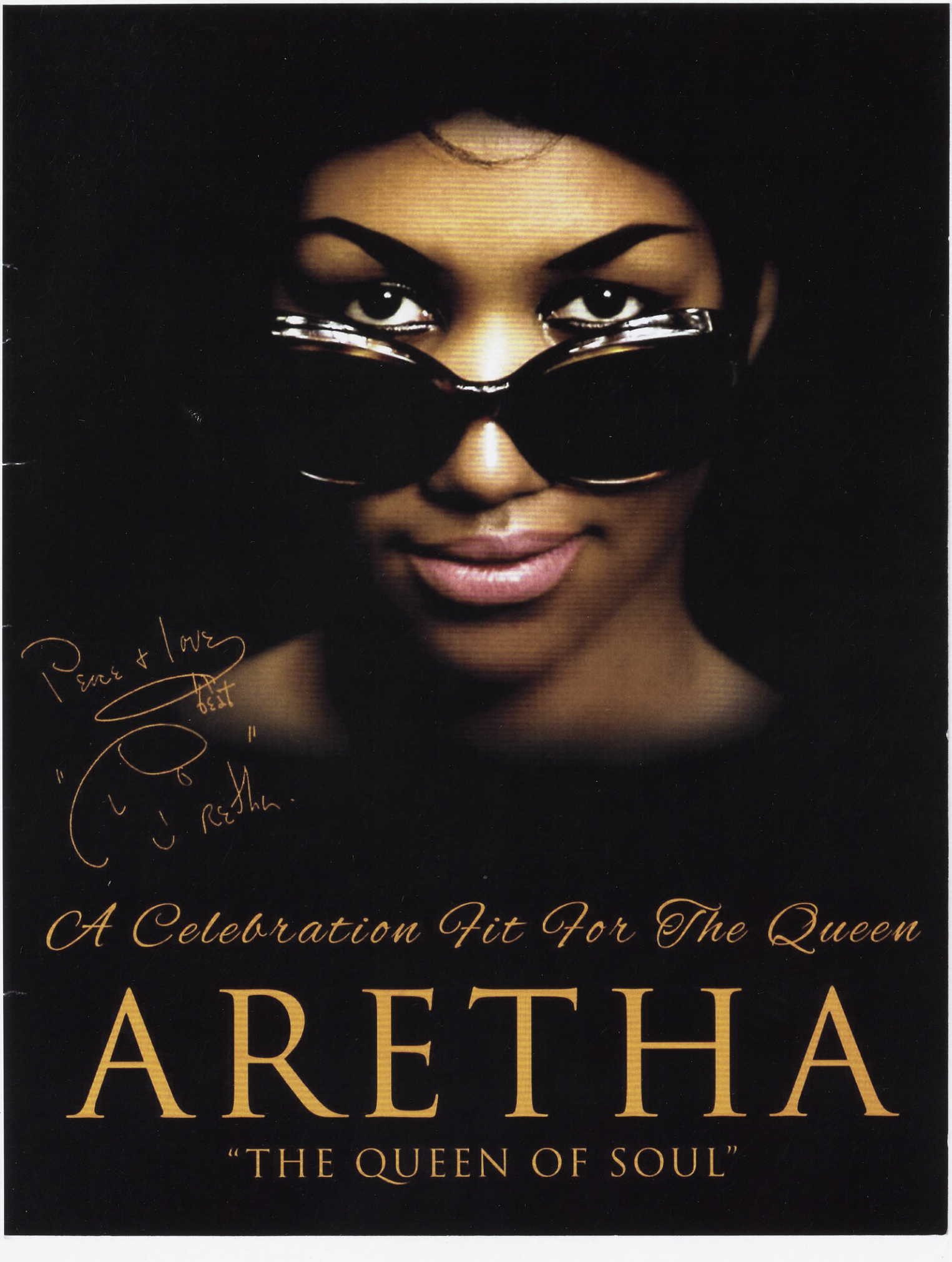
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Grammy

1968 - Respect
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1969 - Chain of Fools
Best Female R&B Vocal Performance

1970 - Share Your Love With Me
Best Female R&B Vocal Performance

1971 - Don't Play That Song
Best Female R&B Vocal Performance

1972 - Bridge Over Troubled Water
Best Female R&B Vocal Performance

1973 - Amazing Grace
Best Soul Gospel Performance, Female

1973 - Young, Gifted and Black
Best Female R&B Vocal Performance

1974 - Master of Eyes (The Deepness of Your Eyes)
Best Female R&B Vocal Performance

1975 - Ain't Nothing Like The Real Thing
Best Female R&B Vocal Performance

1982 - Hold On, I'm Comin'
Best Female R&B Vocal Performance

1986 - Freeway of Love
Best Female R&B Vocal Performance

Awards

1988 - I Knew You Were Waiting
Best R&B Performance by a Duo or Group

1988 - Aretha
Best Female R&B Vocal Performance

1989 - One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism
Best Soul Gospel Performance, Female

1992 - Legend Award

1994 - Lifetime Achievement Award

1998 - Respect
Grammy Hall of Fame

1999 - Amazing Grace
Grammy Hall of Fame

1999 - You Make Me Feel Like A Natural Woman
Grammy Hall of Fame

2001 - Chain of Fools
Grammy Hall of Fame

2004 - Wonderful
Best Traditional R&B Performance

2006 - A House is not a Home
Best Traditional R&B Performance

2008 - Never Gonna Break My Faith
Best Gospel/Contemporary Christian Music Performance

2009 - I Never Loved A Man The Way That I Love You
Grammy Hall of Fame

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Bishop Charles H. Ellis III, Officiant
Rev. Robert Smith Jr., Co-Officiant

Musical Prelude ..... Aretha Franklin Orchestra

Lighting of Candles..... Swanson Funeral Home, Inc.
(The seven candles at the head represent the seven stars, which are the angels. The seven candlesticks at the foot represent the seven churches. We belileve that we are living in the days of Revelation. Rev. 1:20)

Processional ..... Clergy, Ministers and Family

Prayer of Comfort ..... Dr. E.L. Branch, Pastor, Third New Hope Church

Scripture of Comfort:
Old Testament ..... Bishop T.D. Jakes, Potter's House, Dallas, TX
New Testament..... Pastor Solomon Kinloch, Triumph Church
The Psalm..... Bishop P.A. Brooks, Pastor, New St. Paul Tabernacle Church

Musical Tribute ..... Faith Hill

Remarks:
Brenda Jones, City Council President
Mike Duggan, Mayor, City of Detroit
Governor Rick Snyder, State of Michigan

Musical Tribute ..... Ariana Grande

Musical Tribute ..... The Clark Sisters

Acknowledgements and Condolences ..... Barbara Sampson

Musical Tribute ..... The Williams Brothers and Vanessa Bell Armstrong

Family Reflections ..... Vaughn, Cristal, Victorie and Jordan Franklin

Family Musical Tribute..... Edward Franklin

Obituary (Excerpts)..... Sabrina Owens

Musical Tribute ..... Alice McAllister Tillman and Maurice Draughn

Musical Tribute ..... Audrey DuBois Harris

Personal Remarks:

Eric Holder, Former U.S. Attorney General
Senator Gary Peters, State of Michigan
Former President, William (Bill) Jefferson Clinton

Musical Tribute ..... Pastor Shirley Caesar and Tasha Cobbs-Leonard

Personal Reflections:

Greg Mathis, Retired Judge, 36th District Court, Detroit, MI
Brenda Lawrence, State Representative, 14th Congressional District
Rev. Donald L. Parsons, Logos Assembly Church, Chicago, IL
Rev. Al Sharpton, Founder, National Action Network

Musical Tribute ..... Chaka Khan

Musical Tribute ..... Ron Isley

Personal Reflections:

Rev. Jesse Jackson, Jr., Founder/President Rainbow P.U.S.H. Coalition
Dr. William J. Barber II, Pastor, Greenleaf Christian Church, Goldsborough, NC
Rev. James Holley, Retired Pastor, New Light Missionary Baptist Church

Musical Tribute ..... Fantasia BarrinoTaylor

Personal Reflections:

Tyler Perry, Writer, Actor, Producer, Director
Cicely Tyson, Actress
Clive Davis, Chief Creative Officer, Sony Music
Smokey Robinson, Recording Artist

Musical Tribute ..... Bishop Paul Morton and Yolanda Adams

Personal Reflections:

Mildred Gaddis, Radio Personality
Isaiah Thomas, Former NBA Player, Detroit Pistons
Ron Moten, Personal Friend, Franchise Owner, McDonald's Restaurants
Michael Eric Dyson, Professor of Sociology, Georgetown University

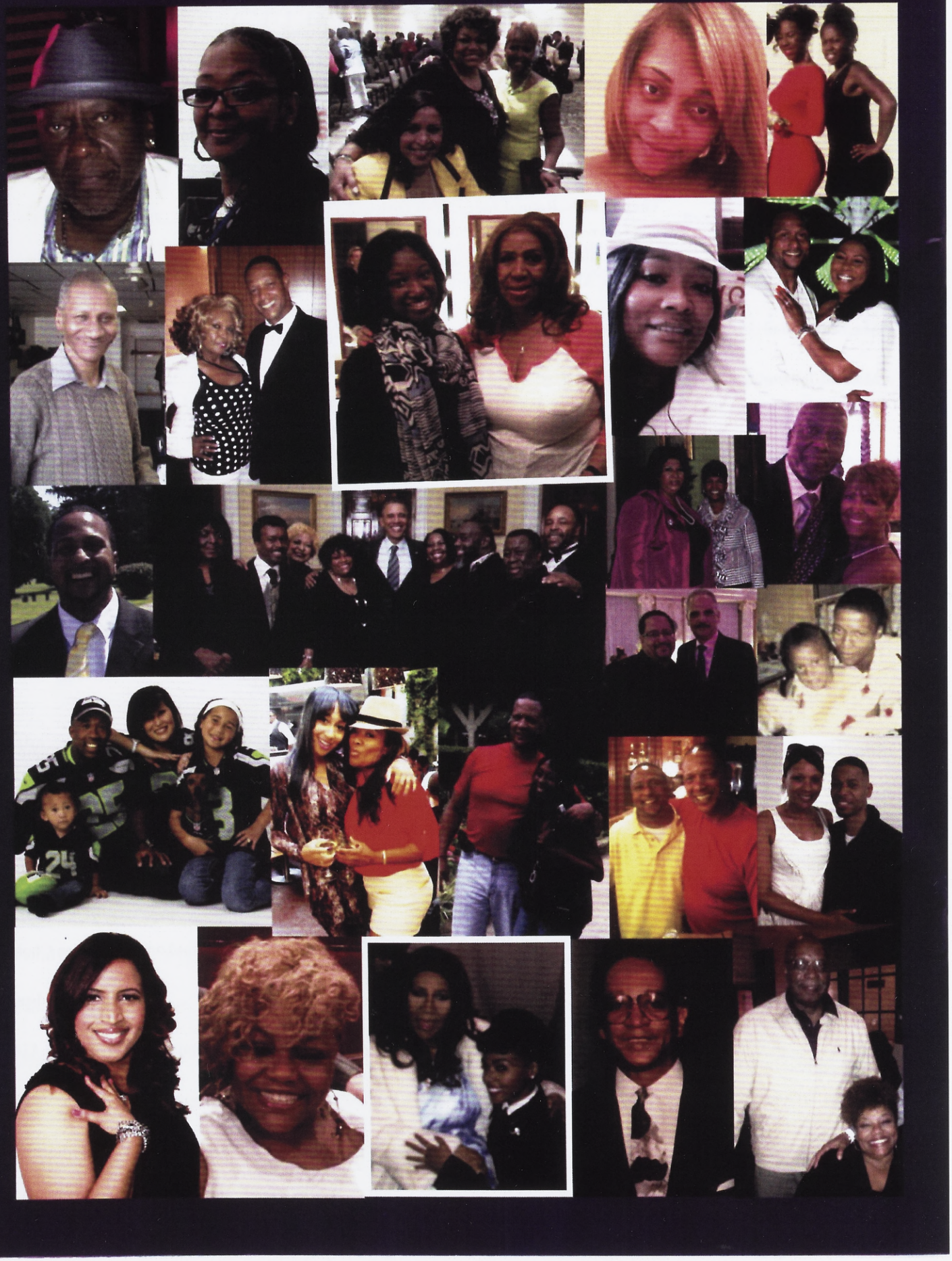
Musical Tribute ..... Bishop Marvin Sapp and the Aretha Franklin Celebration Choir

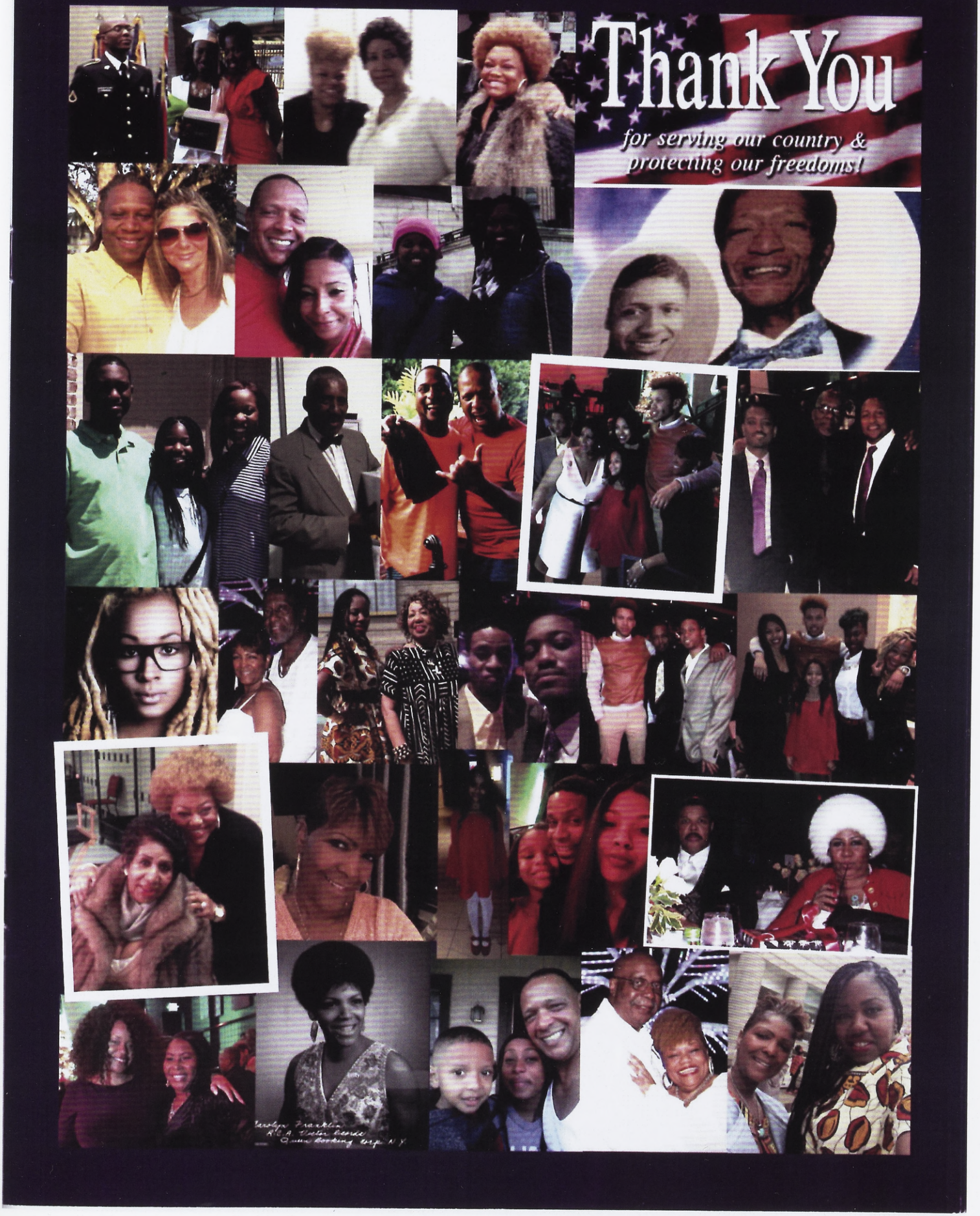
Sermonic Selection ..... Jennifer Hudson

Eulogy ..... Rev. Jasper Williams, Jr., Pastor, Salem Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA

Musical Tribute ..... Stevie Wonder joined by National Artists

Recessional ..... Jennifer Holliday and the Aretha Franklin Celebration Choir

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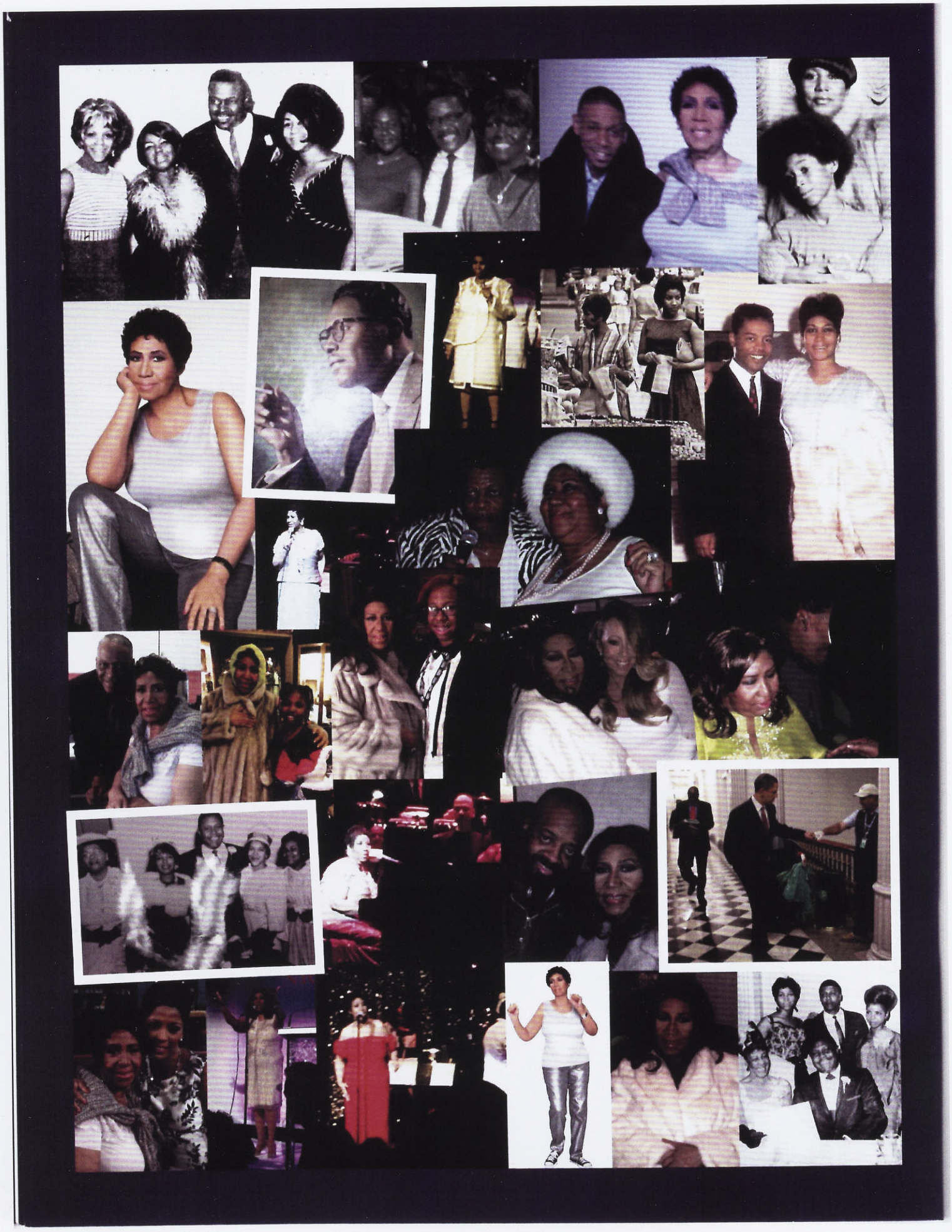

From Herbert Blalock
to all of u!

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